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Chem-Tankers C.V. v. CODECOM S.A. 08 Civ 575(WJH

Dear Judge Pauley:

We represent the Chem-Tankers C.V. in the above-referenced action. We write to request an adjournment of the initial status conference that is scheduled for September 4, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. This is our first request for an adjournment.

Plaintiff initiated this action on June 20, 2008 seeking security, in the amount of \$952,780.29, for its maritime claim via an attachment of Defendant's property in this District pursuant to Rule B. Your Honor granted Plaintiff's application on the same day on June 23, 2008. On July 17, 2008 an Amended Complaint was filed, increasing the security sought to \$1,295,560.68 and requesting issuance of an amended Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment in the increased amount and including the assets of an additional party. Colombiana de Combustibles, which acts as a paying agent for the defendant. Your Honor granted the Plaintifff's application on July 24, 2008.

Despite continued efforts to restrain funds of the Defendant, Plaintiff has not been successful in restraining any assets, although it continues its efforts to do so by effecting daily service of the Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment upon various New York banks. The Honorable William H. Pauley III August 25, 2008 Page 2

We note that Local Admiralty Rule B.2 recognizes the importance of keeping Rule B actions *ex parte* until property is actually restrained, and provides that notice of attachment is not required to be given to the Defendant until after its property has been restrained.

In light of the foregoing considerations, we therefore respectfully request that Your Honor grant the within application and adjourn the September 4, 2008 conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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